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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF ARGENTINE F-86S TO URUGUAY

REF: MONTEVIDEO 308

1. THE ULTIMATE CONSIDERATION TO DENY TRANSFER OF THESE AIRCRAFT WAS POLITICAL. HAD WE AUTHORIZED THE TRANSFER IN THE FACE OF CONGRESSIONAL OPPROBRIUM OF URUGUAY, AND GROWING OPPROBRIUM OF ARGENTINA, WE JUDGED THERE WAS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT CONGRESS WOULD TIGHTEN AND EXTEND THE KOCH AMENDMENT. WE FURTHER JUDGED THAT SIMILAR SANCTIONS WOULD BE APPLIED TO ARGENTINA, A COUNTRY WHERE WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER INTERESTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED IN A DELICATE EFFORT TO MITIGATE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION BEFORE IT CONGEALS IRRETRIEVABLY. WE DID NOT WISH TO COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS BY RISKING UNNECESSARY RPT UNNECESSARY SANCTIONS IF THEY COULD BE AVOIDED BY DENIAL OF THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER THESE AIRCRAFT.

2. WE RECOGNIZED THE DECISION WOULD HAVE COSTS
IN URUGUAY, JUST AS WE HOPED IT WOULD AVOID COSTS IN
ARGENTINA. THE ISSUE WAS ONE OF PRIORITIES; THEY ARE
HIGHER IN ARGENTINA, AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT.

3. WE TOOK CAREFUL ACCOUNT OF THE CASE WE WERE
CONFIDENT YOU WOULD MAKE IF CONSULTED; YOUR CABLE
CONFIRMS OUR ESTIMATE OF YOUR POSITION. IN THE FINAL
ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, THE DECISION HAD TO REFLECT OUR
ASSESSMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES HERE.
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